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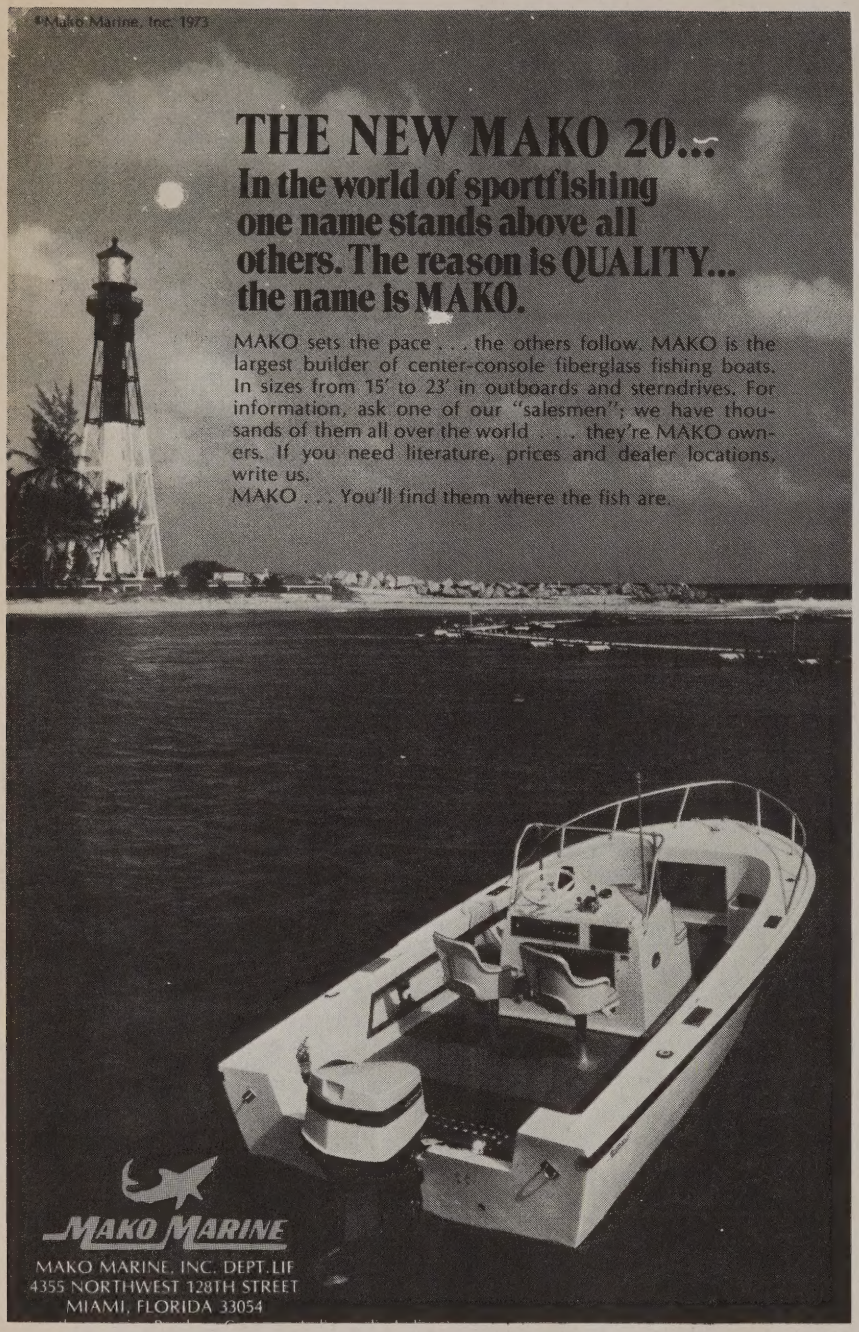
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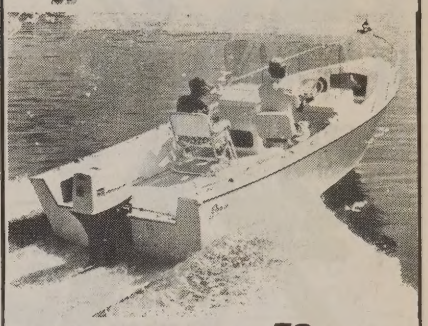

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EDITORIAL

As is usual for this time of year, we have been besieged by comments and complaints regarding the activities of the commercial menhaden (mossbunker) netters, especially those that work Western Long Island Sound. Verbal missiles are launched with considerable frequency, and we have it on good knowledge that an additional escalation has occurred through the physical barring of the commercial men by Long Island Sound boatmen in several ports.

A considerable length of time has passed since I attended formal courses in the subject of ecology (then called "conservation"), but it would seem that this very topic is the crux of the matter.

Since life first appeared on the earth more than a billion years ago, it has become increasingly more varied and complex as it continues to disperse to fit available niches. One of the patterns that appeared was that of migration, the process in which groups of organisms move to different living spaces according to time of year, stage of development, availability of food, and/or a multitude of other parameters.

Recently, with the advent of Man upon the scene, many pre-Man patterns have been drastically altered or eliminated—in dramatically short periods of time—and many organisms have become reduced in numbers, or extinct. This is not to say that these phenomena would not have occurred as a natural part of the evolutionary process; Man has merely acted the role of catalyst in some cases by accelerating the processes through his unique, unparalleled ignorance of his home world.

Among the patterns of migration are those of striped bass, bluefish and menhaden. They are extremely complex in nature, but at one point in time each year all three species are present in Long Island Sound.

Enter Man! Some of us sport fish for bass and blues; bunker, being natural prey for these two predators, becomes our bait. And - how well it works!

Another type of Man enters the picture. He is also after bunker, but for different reasons. The bunkers that he takes become catfood, fertilizer and other necessary items for our civilization.

So far, there is no reason to distinguish between the propriety of these two groups. Each has its own set of values, upon which I make no judgement at this time. But consider this: What is the effect of their respective activities upon the ecology of the area?

Describing the immediate gross visible effects of the three participants in the mossbunker slaughter is easily done. Bass and bluefish tear into the schools of bait and voraciously feed upon them—but they leave numerous survivors. Sportsfishermen snag or net a few bunker, but only a relative and absolute few; proportionally, they probably utilize an insignificant number of these baitfish in their activities. The commercial netters, on the other hand, net entire schools and leave no significant numbers of survivors. They can - and do - wipe out entire local populations of bunker.

The word "rape" has become popularized by ecologically-oriented groups; several of its meanings are: any outrageous assault or flagrant violation; ravish; violate; plunder or destroy. A slight amount of cogitation leads me to the conclusion that all of the bunker-related activities of the commercial fishermen are covered by this single word - rape; not because the predatory (sport) fish will leave the area to locate other food, and not because the sportfishermen are upset at the departure of the bass and bluefish, but because of the devastating effect on the local populations of bunker.

Given even more, larger and more efficient ships and boats to operate, I am certain that these short-sighted men would have no qualms about capturing every bunker in the world, and for what?

Very simply stated, menhaden are processed and used as a base for animal feeds (mostly chickens) and as fertilizer, and are also utilized in several industrial processes.

Mossbunker have been in exceptionally short supply this year, so far as commercial catches indicate, and this, combined with the recent dramatic increases in the price per ton of menhaden, has brought the commercial fishermen into Long Island Sound to satiate their greed.

But bunker are also animals, and in the complex schema of living things they play a far more important role than human pets. What will happen if,

someday, the bunker do not return to their natural haunts? Can we then properly blame a trough in a "natural cycle," or will Man have (again) been the culprit?

Obviously, as a fisherman, I am also emotionally opposed to the rape of bunker by commercial fishermen. I truly enjoy fishing for bass and blues with bunker, and anything that ruins the few days a year I can spend at this enjoyable and exciting pastime becomes more than a mere irritation or minor annoyance.

It is also upsetting to head out on the water in the wee, pre-dawn hours and find the beauty and calm that exists destroyed by the presence of these floating, steel garbage cans that greedily destroy everything they take, and take everything they can.

Digressing from my emotional outburst in order to amplify this last phrase, we have had many reports of netters being observed in the acts of: taking large quantities of food fish (bass and bluefish) in with the bunker hauls, and not releasing them; remaining in quiet, secluded locations and netting bass from dawn till dusk; being verbally abusive; operating their workboats in a downright dangerous manner.

We also know that sportfishermen commit the following: make huge hauls of fish and sell them; become abusive and unsportsmanlike when dealing with brother fishermen—and others; troll through chum slicks and schools of fish into which others are fishing; throw trash and garbage overboard; cut off someone else's hooked fish through stupidity or malice.

To heave the original set of accusations against netters is somewhat akin to hefting and swinging a hundred-pound, double-edged sword; we'd heartily hesitate to hold onto the handle: who knows where the blade will fly once it is moving. We believe both edges of the blade are sharp—and agree with both!

There are many additional reasons, both logical and emotional, for outlawing the activities of the bunker boats, but this is an editorial—not a thesis.

Let it stand quite clearly that this magazine is opposed to the yearly assault upon the bunker by the commercial fishermen. They have as little right to destroy a resource as a "developer" has in filling a marsh for a residential complex, or as a power company utilizing the waters of a river or sound for its own purposes and then returning it in a highly altered condition that is harmful to the surrounding ecosystem.

Allow me to also state that I consider the physical presence of these boats obscene eyesores—not strictly an emotional argument, because there is value to beauty when we are surrounded by so much lack of it.

Ignorance, ugliness and greed are among the determining factors in this battle, and none of them helps us very much to enjoy life—and living.

Glenn Voparil

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SEEKING THE RONKONKOMA BASS MAN

Would you please print the adress of the person who caught the 29 bass at Lake Ronkonkoma. The article appeared in the L.I.F. on 7/5/73.

John Hoh
813 Covert Avenue
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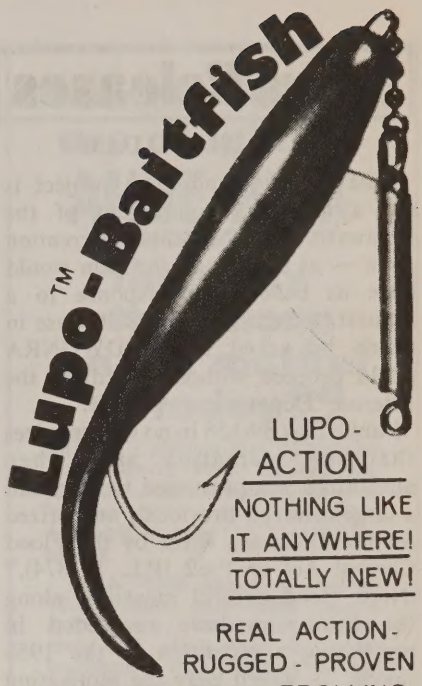
As a matter of policy, The Long Island Fisherman will not print the specific addresses of correspondents. We believe they are entitled to their privacy, and allow them to make their own contacts.

On the other hand, there are often legitimate reasons for readers to contact others whose names without addresses appear in these pages.

We do not have Mr. Peluso's address; for this reason we have printed Mr. Hoh's letter. If Mr. Peluso reads the letter, and wishes to contact Mr. Hoh, that will be his decision to make.



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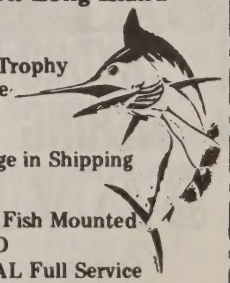

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The Tocks Island Dam project is not a necessary component of the Delaware Gap National Recreation Area — as backers of the dam would have us believe. In response to a request by Senator Clifford P. Case in which he asked if the DWGNRA could proceed without the dam, the Interior Department replied: . . . "Public Law 89-158 in no way requires that the recreation area when authorized was presumed to surround a large reservoir previously authorized for the Delaware River by the Flood Control Act of 1962 (P.L. 87-874)." (Note: flood control measures along the tributaries have succeeded in preventing a repetition of the 1955 floods . . . which were the motivating factor in the original proposal to dam the Delaware.) The simple fact is we can have our recreation area without destroying this great river.

The expected usage of the reservoir as a recreational facility and as a source of potable water has been estimated to be between fifty and one hundred years . . . a short time in either case when one considers the many millenniums it took to form the river. An awakened citizenry anxiously seeking stability in the environment can only regard the planned desecration as an attempt to undermine the public good. The short-lived usage of the dam is predictable if only judged by the effects of bank erosion, eutrophication, siltation, etc.

But while these effects are causes for concern, there are other reasons for seeking alternatives to the Tocks Dam. The only anadromous (shad) fishery still operating under natural conditions would be lost forever; pollution, including thermal wastes of a projected hydroelectric powere plant, would far exceed present levels in the area; the dollar and environmental costs to the taxpayer what with the construction of elaborate sewage treatment plants and roads would be enormous; commercial exploitation of surrounding areas would continue; and last, but not least in importance to our citizens, the beautiful Big Flatbrook Valley would be flooded with 180 feet of water.

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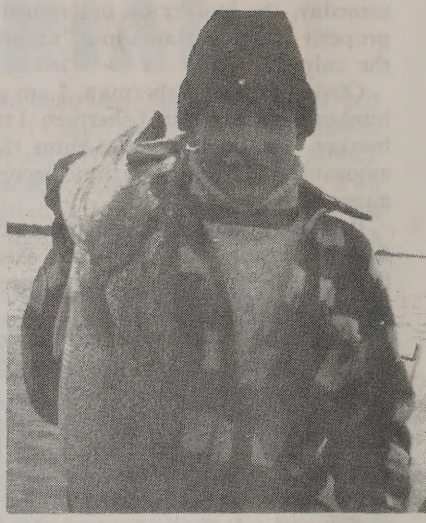

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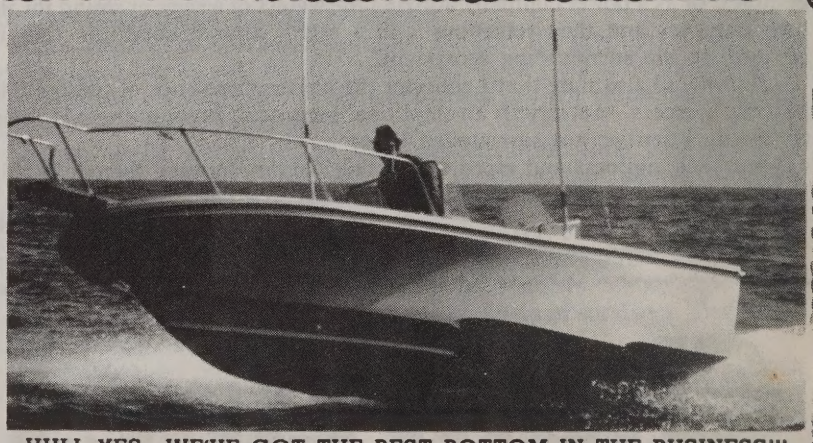

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IT ALL PAYS OFF

by J. Roubicek

I had just finished reading an article from The Long Island Fisherman written by a man who told of his first surf fishing experience. He told of his beginner's luck (which wasn't very lucky), and his disasters with his equipment. When I read his story, I felt as if I was reading my own life story of surf fishing, even though I am only fifteen.

The first time I went surf fishing was for blues at Sunken Meadow Park with my father, who is an experienced fisherman. I didn't catch anything, but I did manage to lose three valuable lures (one of them in my father's leg). For some reason, my father didn't have any time to take me surf fishing anymore, but I didn't give up.

When I heard of fellows bringing in blues as big as I was, I got this feeling that if I didn't get to the surf soon, I'd explode.

I managed to talk my brother's friend into trying surf fishing. After I told him the fish stories I had heard (like the one about the guy who brought in a 98 pound striper with a fly rod) we were on our way to Jones Beach within 15 minutes.

When we arrived we had the whole beach to ourselves; it was a perfect night with a full moon and a high tide. I put on my waders and walked out past the breakers until the water level hit my belly button. Before I made my first cast, I murmured to myself, "This is the night, Joey-Baby."

I brought back my rod and cast into the dark with all my might. I don't think I should have done that because while casting I lost my balance, fell in, and found that I wasn't staying afloat because my waders were filling with water.

My brother's friend saw me splashing around and retrieved me to shore within seconds. I went home with a stomach full of water and and earful of obscene words from my friend.

I took it easy for a week, but November was coming up and I knew that soon those blues would be gone until next year. So, I took one more crack at it with my two brothers, John and Phil.

We arrived at Sunken Meadow at 4 P.M. The shore was fairly crowded with fishermen, but there were no fish. I spotted a school of bait off a sandbar about a quarter-mile out, and within 10 minutes my two brothers and myself, two rods and no waders were right smack in the middle of it.

After an hour of useless casting we started back in for shore; I felt like Wilt Chamberlain in the fifth game of the playoffs. My brothers were walking ahead of me and I was glad because I felt like I was about to cry. But I was stopped by a thrashing noise in the water. I looked behind me and there was a huge school of blues attacking the panfish.

There were about twenty yards between us but I was just barely in casting reach. I lost control of myself and was shouting "Blues!!!" at the top of my lungs. On my first cast I hooked on to what felt like a big one, and as I was bringing in the fish I realized that the blues were heading right for me. In a minute, they were all around me, thrashing and clearing the water only a foot away.

By now I was half exhausted, over-excited and scared to death. My two brothers had just reached me and because there were only two rods between us, one wasn't fishing. When I brought my fish in, I grabbed it by the gills, threw my brother the rod, and headed for shore where I knew the fish would be safe. Soon after, the blues left, but my brothers had two six-pounders to go home with.

And I? A nine-pounder!! On the beach three fishermen congratulated me.

I hooked my father's leg and almost drowned in my waders, but after that experience with the blues, I knew that it had all paid off.

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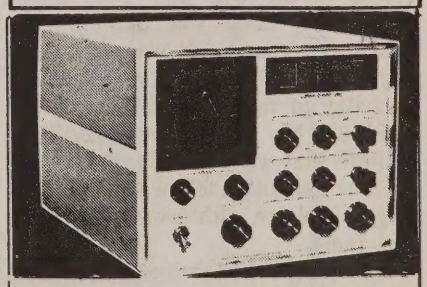

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Mudhole Madness

by Ted Ness

Tuna chumming at the Mudhole can be one of the most exciting or exasperating, fishing experiences of your life. You can chum all day and not get a touch, then some clod trolls through your slick and "whamo!" - all his rods bend over. Talk about being frustrated - in the past few years I've thrown enough chum into the Mudhole to feed a family of Blue Nosed whales for two generations and I've burned enough gas to get a Volkswagen to the moon and back....all this for a reward of a few dozen ling with severe cases of the bends.

I must be slightly soft in the head, for whenever the word reaches me that tuna are at the Mudhole, away I go again with expectations higher than an escaped balloon. Last year was no exception.

Bill Albrecht, fresh off the boat after a highly successful day at the Mudhole, was relating to me the events of the trip and even as he talked, my mind was planning the next day's agenda. It was a working day, but Hell, what's work compared to a day of matchless fishing at the Mudhole. My regular crew didn't see it quite that way, so I Shanghied my brother Bob and a fellow worker, John (Ziggy) Zielgler, with promises of glory and fame.

By the time they arrived at the boat, I had the engine running, the rods rigged and in the holders, and the dock lines in my hot little hands. A few minutes later (after a pit stop at Charvin's for chum and bait) we were clearing the inlet and on our way.

It was a beautiful day, sunshine and a mirror sea, so I nestled the throttle against the forward stop and impatiently strained to see the New Jersey shoreline rise from the horizon. As we neared the Mudhole I could pick out the small fleet and when the boat ahead slowed and began to circle, I, too, backed down the throttle and clicked on the depth recorder. Seeing nothing that would indicate fish, I scanned the waters ahead. Off the starboard bow, a few swirls on the water caught my eye and as I swung towards them my heart began to pound - tuna, tuna everywhere, and all in the fifty to one hundred pound range.

I killed the engine and before my feet hit the cockpit deck I was yelling orders like a U-Boat captain that just spotted a tanker convoy.

"Put a mackerel on that rig...start chumming...get those lines in the water...chunk-up some of those baits," rained upon the ears of my green and confused crew.

Within a minute we were set up and waited for that first hit...thirty minutes later we were still waiting and our enthusiasm was long gone. The boat that had first spotted these fish had given up after a quarter of an hour and we decided that we better pack up and continue our jaunt to the awaiting fleet ahead.

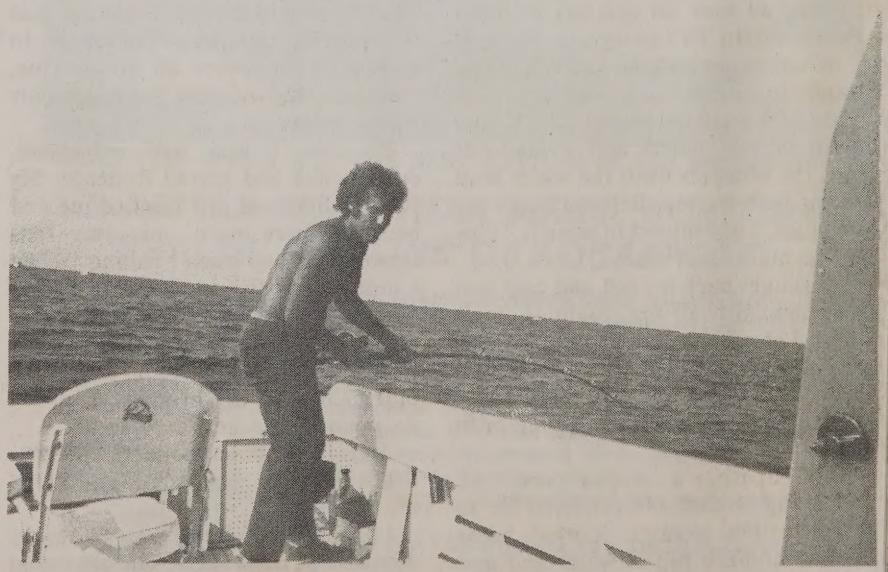
A short ride put us in the fleet and I lost little time in setting the anchor and rigging the boat for action. My crew, with the experience gained at the previous stop, soon had the lines set and a chum slick spreading out behind the boat. With nothing to do but wait and chum, I introduced my crew to the fine art of ling-jerking in thirty fathoms of water.

Ziggy caught on fast and soon had bugeyed ling coming over the rail, but Bob appeared to specialize on skates, for that is all he managed to hook. I specialized in skunking out; I couldn't even lose my bait.

Four hours later, Ziggy retired to the cabin for a little snooze while I chummed and Bob continued to reduce the skate population. Between ladles of chum I mentally and verbally cursed the fishing gods, and my stupidity, for being sucked into another apparently fruitless day at the Mudhole. When the reel next to me went off with a scream, I almost dropped the chum ladle overboard.

Grabbing the rod, I watched the line peel off the 6/0 spool as I waited for Bob and Ziggy to crank in the empty lines. After what seemed to be an eternity, I slipped the reel into gear and slid off the click. When that reel drag engaged, the butt gimbal was jammed into my gut as the rod took on an awesome bend. Even small tuna are unstoppable on the first run, so I just hung on while the rod gimbal continued to gore me.

"One of you guys search the cabin for a Bimini belt," I shouted while trying to find a comfortable position for the rod butt. After a few minutes searching I knew that there was not only no comfortable position...but also no Bimini belt. I was going to pay for this fish's conquest!



When Bob slipped the reel into gear, he knew he had a tiger by the tail.

After the first strong runs, the tuna started to weaken and slowly the reel began to fill again. It was a slow but steady retrieval of line and soon the flashing sides of the fish could be seen under the boat. When I tried to pump him into gaffing range, he took one look at the boat and was off again. The fight had taken its toll, however, and within a few minutes he was back to the boat and the gaff was sunk.

This was no giant tuna: he was about fifty pounds - but I wasn't anxious to fight another one for a little while...especially without a Bimini belt.

The excitement over, we resumed our chum and wait routine. About two hours later this was again rewarded as one of the reels signaled the start of another round. This time Bob was elected to uphold the honor of the boat.

Bob knew it wasn't going to be easy, after watching me struggle with the last one, but when he slipped the reel into gear he realized that this was even harder then it looked. He lost little time in planting himself in the fighting chair and even my kidding about him taking the easy way out failed to budge him from his position.

Bob kept up the pumping and cranking until at last the fish was under the boat. The fighting chair position then put Bob at a disadvantage as the line angle decreased. Refusing to leave the chair, Bob lost control of the fish which then headed towards the bow...AND THE ANCHOR LINE!

I grabbed the rod from Bob, slipped the reel out of gear and headed towards the bow. Between Ziggy and I we managed to pass the rod around the anchor line not once, but twice. As the fish headed towards the stern I climbed back to the cockpit where, without a protest from Bob, I cranked him into gaffing range. Ziggy sunk the gaff and he joined his relative in the fish box.

Hoping to hook another one so Ziggy could get his time at bat, we hung around another two hours. It was getting late and we finally ran out of chum, so we finally hauled anchor and headed home. With only two fish in the box I still felt good...for at least this time we drew blood at the mudhole. AND THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT TIME.

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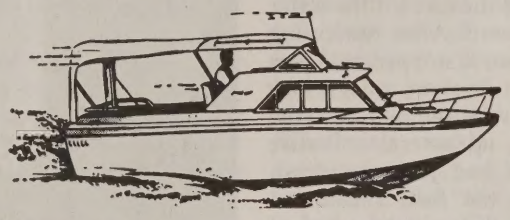

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Gleam of Metal

by Ron Onorato

The water all around me was one mass of boiling spearing. Three and four inch silversides were jumping frantically out of the water as small stripers gorged themselves on the tiny baitfish.

I quickly tied on a blue and white popping plug and cast to the area where several fish had just leaped out of the water. Once, twice, three times I cast, and nothing. After five minutes, and not so much as a boil after the popping plug, I changed lures. I tied on a ¾ oz. Hopkins lure with a small tuft of bucktail on the treble, and once again resumed the casting.

No sooner had the lure hit the water when I felt a bump. After retrieveing the lure a few feet, it stopped cold as a striper inhaled it. In short order a four pound striper was flopping on the beach, spewing up several still-alive spearing that it had just consumed. After releasing the fish, I resumed casting. Almost every retrieve had at least a hit, if not a fish. As a matter of experimentation, I tied on a small bucktail. No action at all. Then I tied on a small Alou Eel with equally unsuccessful results. I tied the Hopkins back on and on the first cast I was into a small fish again.

This incident is a perfect example of illustrating the theory of "matching the hatch." The fish were feeding on the silvery silversides, and wanted no part of anything else. Only a piece of metal would satisfy these fish. This is not true simply for stripers, but applies to all gamefish, as well.

A quick look into the average tackle box gives an indication to the popularity of metal lures. Surfcasters as well as boatmen use the various metal lures with much success. Each type of metal lure has its own adaptation to certain circumstances, and an examination of the various types of metal lures will disclose the different features that they possess.

The major weapon of the surfcaster of times gone by was the tin "squid." The lure was made of block tin that possessed a certain lustre to it that could not be imitated by other metals; the lure was legion among surfcasters. The advent of other lures on the beach relegated the tin squid to the "just another lure" category. Today, the block tin squid has been replaced by the chromed jig. Block tin was too expensive to use, and was hard to come by, though a few old timers still mold their own.

Various types of chromed squids, with and without feathers.

One of the early pioneers of the chromed squid was the late Charlie Graves: many of his lures are still is use today. They consist of a piece of elongated lead with a ring at each end. To one eye a single, feathered hook is attached. The lead is then chrome-plated to give it flash.

The idea of the lead squid is to resemble spearing, small menhaden, or any other small baitfish. In order to achieve this goal, the lead was molded in various shapes; the long, thin squids would resemble a spearing, while the wide, denser ones would imitate a menhaden. And, of course, there are all sorts of variations in between, with each one serving a different purpose.

While most of these lures come completely chromed, there are several types that come painted on one side. Blue, red and yellow are the most popular colors.

Most of these lures range from 1 to 3 ounces in weight, so this generally necessitates the use of medium tackle when using them, and are perfectly suited for the conventional surf caster. The lighter ones can be used on spinning gear. Whatever gear is being used, the maximum action is achieved from the tin if a small snap is used when connecting the lure to the line. If there are bluefish around, you must use a small wire leader.

The next group of lures in this category are the stainless steel lures. The group consists chiefly of the Hopkin's lure in various sizes and shapes. These lures are somewhat better than the chromed lures simply for the fact that the shiny surface doesn't wear out after a little use. The chrome plating on the other lures wears out rather easily.

There are two types of Hopkins, the regular type and the Shorty Hopkins. The regular type is a slim piece of steel, while the Shorty is a denser, heavier type that sinks rapidly and works deeper. It successfully resembles a myriad of small baitfish.

One lure that has proven itself over time is the Diamond jig. It is best used from a boat rather than from the surf.

Ranging in weights from ¾ to over 16 ounces, this lure has proven itself a very capable lure for many species of fish. The Diamond jig is a shiny, rectangularly shaped lure armed with a treble hook on one end, and an eye on the other end for connecting the lure to the line.

Other lures included in the category of tins are the Acme Kastmaster and various other types of spoons and wobblers. Some anglers feel that spoons and wobblers should not be considered in with the other squids because they are light, blade-shaped and difficult to cast, and are best employed as a tool of the troller. This semantic problem can be easily solved by simply saying that whatever you wish to call them, they do work!

The regular chrome squids and the Hopkins are as equally at home in a boat as they are in the surf. When the bays start pouring forth the tons of baitfish in the fall, both of these lures are effective. They cast like bullets and can be worked at all levels except the immediate surface. By allowing the lure to sink a few seconds after it has hit the water, it can be worked deeper. A slow retrieve also lets them work deeper. If you want to get the lure on top, then begin the retrieve as soon as it hits the water and retrieve it rapidly. Also hope your arm doesn't tire too quickly; even with a fast-retrieve reel, fishing the top with these lures requires skill and stamina.

These lures will take a variety of fish. Bluefish and stripers lead the list, but weakfish and fluke will readily take either of them. A long strip of squid further enhances the action of the lure, as will bucktail, feathers and porkrind, which can be purchased in different colors.

The Diamond jig is not very effective from the surf basically due to the design of the lure. It is a very heavy lure that sinks rapidly, thereby being suited to deep water work. Its best application is on the offshore grounds for blues, cod and pollack. It will work reasonably well in rips and in very fast water.

The jig is fished with a stout rod and 20 or 30 pound test line. Monofilament is usually used, but the stretch factor makes for difficult fishing at times. Ideally, wire line is the best to use for jigging, but it is impractical. Dacron, with a 10 foot leader of mono, is a good combination.

The jig is lowered to the bottom and lifted a few feet. With a sharp action, you raise and lower the jig every few seconds. If you get no action right on the bottom, then raise the jig a few feet and jig some more. Keep up the jigging process until all levels of water are covered.

Another method calls for lowering the jig to the bottom and then reeling it to the surface as fast as you can. There are times when adding a few tubes ahead of the jig will attract more fish.

Codfish will eagerly hit a jig, especially in the fall when they are chasing baitfish. Pollack will often hit a jig more readily than they will a piece of bait. Out at Montauk, jigging Diamond jigs in the rips is an established method of catching stripers as well as bluefish, and each fall, thousands of stripers and blues are jigged in the famed Race on these lures.

Metal lures should be part of every fisherman's tackle. With a little experimentation and patience, you will realize that "the gleam of metal" is just what the fish want.

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Ever Hear of Yale's Fishing Team?

by Don Millus

What Ivy League school had a team in intercollegiate competition last year consisting of a girl doing graduate work in environmental studies, a 145 pound "Good Humor" man from Paramus, and a Vietnam veteran with a bum knee? Answer: the same school that sent Calvin Hill to the N.F.L.

The sport this time was fishing, the event a combination of education and competition — the 17th Annual Intercollegiate Game Fish Seminar and Fishing Match, held at Wedgeport, Nova Scotia in the last week of August. Despite our incredible shrinking team (two last minute drop-outs), we finished 7th out of 13 teams and even helped the United States defeat Canada and Mexico for the R.J. Schaefer trophy for total catch by the teams of one country. And no Yale team ever laughed so hard.

When we got to the ferry at Bar Harbor, Maine for the ride to Nova Scotia we knew we were in trouble. Wedgeport was once a great tuna port, and the teams in the "Intercollegiate" do try for the giant bluefins, but none had been caught in the past few years. Without the giant tuna, the tournament is decided by total weight of cod, haddock, halibut, pollack, and mackerel, usually caught by jigging with 9 ounce Norwegian jigs.

Our lightweight team definitely lacked depth and endurance, and when we saw what looked like the University of Massachusetts wrestling team and some ex-varsity football players from the Harvard Business School heading for the tournament, it didn't cheer us up any. The only bright spots on the six-hour ride were the schools of porpoises around the boat and the complaints of the Princeton team that they didn't know they could have girls on their team. Eat your heart out, Tigers!

As the over-30 veteran and the only male graduate student on Yale's team I thought I might be a little out of place, but it turned out that a good number of the teams were made up of graduate and professional students. When we found out that the only qualification for membership in the Western Ontario University "tuna team" was to have seen the Atlantic Ocean, things seemed to pick up a bit.

The "Yale woman," Sarah Bates, hadn't done any salt water fishing, but she camped, drove a tractor on her family's farm, and rode horses, so she couldn't be a total loss. Besides, she had good looks and knew a hell of a lot about the legal and business aspects of environmental protection; we might even have an interesting conversation while we fished for killer cod.

One of the worthwhile things I had done in Vietnam was to run fishing trips for GI's on a 65 foot boat given us by a general who really did think about his troops, and the training came in handy: I had stuck a packet of dramamine in my wallet before I left home. "Okay, young lady, take your pills" became part of our post-breakfast preparation for the day's fishing on the converted lobster boats called "Cape Islanders." Neil Fishman (would you believe that name?), Yale's captain, gutted it out without the seasick pills, but we couldn't get him near the bait box on the rough days, much less persuade him to help cut mackerel for bait.

Pills or no pills we all survived the sloppy weather of the first day of the tournament without going over the side. The French-Canadian boat skippers were chuckling over the radio about their teams. The Trinity University team from San Antonio, including two co-eds, was half-frozen and all seasick. Part of the teams from Dartmouth and Toronto were also under the weather. And all we had caught was about seventy pounds of cod and forty pounds of mackerel for bait. Our coach decided to put the mackerel in with the cod just to add to our total weight. Strictly legal under tournament rules, but who wants to win a mackerel tournament? We soon got an answer.

Back at the dock the first day a surprise! Yale was in third place, beating out everybody but two Canadian schools that had a few hundred pounds of mackerel each. And we thought we were bad spending an hour with small lures jigging up half-pound Bostons you couldn't even sell at Sheepshead Bay.

The evenings were the "seminar" part of the tournament, with a lot of grumbling from the participants that the educational side of the event was timed to cut down their socializing. There was a lecture on how to fight a giant tuna (hook him first), a three minute demonstration of bottom fishing tackle, and slides of fish caught in, of all places, the Bahamas.

One night's feature was a film of an overweight member of the over-40 establishment catching the world record marlin off South America. "Three-quarters of a ton of savage, cruel fish is engaged in vicious struggle" runs the voice-over in the film obviously bankrolled by the guy catching the fish. "Poor fish," whispered Sarah, "All he wanted was an afternoon snack." One of the Dartmouth team members didn't empathize with the man either, noting that it was hard to identify with a guy who could pay a camera crew to follow him around all day in hopes of getting pictures of a record catch. The lights went on and the tournament director was complaining that Yale's Peabody Museum didn't accept this world's-biggest-true-gamefish, sharks-excluded, ever-caught-on-rod-and-reel when it was offered. "Good for Yale," I thought in a rare burst of school spirit. What would they do with it when it became the world's-second-biggest, etc.?

The weather improved for the last two days, but Yale's fortunes fell as the team was racked with dissension. The captain of the team wanted to go for mackerel to keep up with the Canadians and "at least beat Harvard." The two graduate students objected, and the old French-Canadian mate agreed with us that

catching baby mackerel wasn't the greatest of sports.

The argument was settled as we drifted into the rough waters of "Soldier's Rip." Fishman looked worried, so I told him that the captain had a lot invested in his fishing boat and wouldn't take any chances. That seemed to calm him down a bit.

But it was getting too rough for bottom fishing, so we agreed to go for mackerel for an hour. At least we'd have some fresh bait, I told myself. After the second day's weigh-in we had slipped to sixth place and the University of New Brunswick was running away with the mackerel championship of the world. The big joke at the meetings that night was the question whether a half-ton of mackerel beat a 900 pound tuna. "Yes" was the answer, "by a hundred pounds."

Naturally we were all ecology minded, for this was the greening of America, Canada, and Mexico all in one. The first day one of the team captains got together all the paper and cans left over from lunch and asked the mate what to do with it. "I'll take it", was the mate's answer, and dropped it over the side. Well, it's their country and their fish, and ordinary litter wouldn't hurt the way oil, or sewerage, or lead wastes have hit East Coast fishing in the States. Maybe we were learning.

Back at the docks, crowds of townspeople checked out our day's catch, sorting through the piles of cod, in search of the tastier haddock. Another shock to the youthful contestants came when we returned the next morning and found hundreds of pounds of fish spoiling on the dock from the day before. The same fish, mostly three or four pound cod, would have brought a few dollars each around New York or Boston, but here they went begging. A fertilizer truck finally cleaned up the mess, so it wasn't a total loss. Only our conservation aesthetic was offended, none of the locals seeming to mind too much.

The high point of the tournament for the Yale team had to be Harry LeBlanc's fish chowder cooked on the boat our last day out. Harry was the mate on the boat assigned us, Captain Billie LeBlanc's (no relation) "9-Three" and he whipped up a chowder of freshly caught haddock, condensed milk, potatoes, onions, and butter, that would make a gourmet take up fishing. When we asked Harry why he hadn't served this ambrosia on the previous days, he indicated that he was afraid our coach would complain about losing a few points worth of haddock. Points be Damned, we'll have three days of fish chowder next year, even if we have to throw the coach overboard.

At the "awards banquet" the last night of the tournament a dramatic announcement was made. The captain of the French team for the International Tuna Cup Tournament, scheduled for the week after our match, had hooked a giant tuna off Cape St. Mary's, some twenty miles from Wedgeport. As night fell he was still battling the fish. Cheers went up. Some of us, however, were rooting for the fish.

Word has it that this year's Yale team will be captained by a woman, Sarah Bates. Good move, coach. At least she's not afraid to cut bait. Now if we could only get Olympian Frank Shorter to sign up for a few graduate courses and pry Brian Dowling away from the football Patriots for a few days we might have the muscle and endurance to beat Harvard. Sharpen your mackerel jigs, Eli!

Yale's captain-to-be, Sara Bates, gaffs a fish during the 1972 Intercollegiate Tournament. The author looks on happily.

The How and Where of Giant Tuna Fishing

by Al Ristori

In the last installment of the tuna fishing series we talked about the basic equipment needed and noted the recent abundance of the giants. Chances are that overfishing of school tuna will take its toll in the next few years and we will then enter a period in which giant tuna become very scarce. It may be a decade or more before the fishing will improve after that, and then only if conservation measures are adopted quickly to stop the overkill of schoolies.

Therfore, if you ever want to get a shot at the strongest fish in the sea, now is the time to do it. Montauk has experienced a good run in three of the last four years and action could occur any time now. More northerly hot spots are already producing well, especially Prince Edward Island and Massachusetts Bay. August and September should also produce for chummers in the Mud Hole area outside of New York Harbor, and at the traditional tuna grounds off the Rhode Idland Coast.

Charter baots are available at all of the major tuna fishing ports, but those anglers with boats might want to give this frustrating sport a try themselves. If the action develops at Montauk, this would be your best bet in the New York area. In 1970 and 1972, large numbers of giant tuna were present in Butterfish Hole (within sight of land on clear days) and they often weren't too fussy about baits they picked up. This isn't boring fishing; yht fish are there and you keep on your toes working for them all day.

Key to Butterfish Hole fishing is the activities of the draggers. Of course, the draggers won't be there unless plenty of bottom fish are available and if the bait fish aren't there, the giants most certainly won't be, either!

Providing the fish show, the procedure is fairly simple. Find a dragger who's just pulled his net and back up to him. He'll be discarding the fish he's not interested in and these serve as both an attraction for the and as bait for you. The more cooperative draggers will happily fill your landing net with ling and whiting; with others you'll have to get fresh bait by picking it up on the surface. Resist temptation to pick up everything floating-this is what will attract the tuna to you.

If you get next to a cooperative dragger, stay in the area for quite a while after he leaves. In 1970, the "Northern Dawn" was the focal point of the fleet, as owner Lennie Babin would not only supply all comers with bait but spend hours drifting and sorting his catch instead of going right back to fishing. He was a real attraction for tuna and some days boat after boat would hook up in his shadow. Generally, however, the dragger will soon go on his way and you'll just drift along among the floating ling and whiting, throwing an occasional piece of cut bait for chum.

Unless the tuna are showing, keep at least one line deep and another near the surface. Vary the depths from time to time by using sinkers which can be tied to your snap with a rubber band or taped to the upper part of the wire leader. The problem comes when the tuna are on the surface, picking off the floating baits. When they do this they'll rarely take a bait hanging down unnaturally.

Ling blow up with air brought to the surface in deep water and will float in a natural fashion. The weight of the terminal tackle however, will, pull the bait right down, so most anglers stuff the bait with pieces of styrofoam; some even push cubes of this material up the leader wire in order to float that also. This gives the bait as natural apperance as possible.

Tuna aren't normally boat shy and will come right to the stern for floating baits-even with the boats engines running. Yet, despite the speed at which they feed, tuna can be extremely critical about the baits they take. They can spot a phony from a mile away and take everything else around it.

A Russian stern trawler pulls its bag of fish aboard as an American sportfisherman prepared to bait the tuna feeding on the fish falling out of the net.

doubt if it's the hook that bothers them, but rather the unnatural action of the bait in the water. Your job is to compensate for that unnaturalness.

The use of styrofoam is one method, but there are even more effective means. In 1970, it was Eddie Murray who first discovered how to hook a giant tuna that was cavorting all over the surface while feedingon the floating baits. Eddie used a snapper pole (cane) with an attached clip to keep the leader out of the water and the bait on the surface. Sometimes he's able to excite the tuna by slapping the bait on the surface when they've been chummed right to the stern.

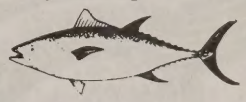
When the tuna aren't feeding on the floating fish, but can be chummed to the boat, it's time to start feeding them by hand. Quite often (under these circumstances) they won't hit the baits simply hanging in the water and you must devise a means of getting your baits to sink at the correct rate.

By feeding the tuna chum at a steady rate it's possible to "pattern" them. That is, you can get them feeding so that they will pick up a bait at a certain depth and time intervals on a regular basis. Once this pattern is established, pull off enough line to attain the depth at which the tuna are feeding and very carefully coil it where it can go overboard without hitting any obstructions. Then throw your bait out so that the heavy terminal tackle will bring it down to the exact spot that the tuna has been picking up baits, and at the exact time he'll be coming through. It's not easy but it often works and is certainly the most thrilling way to fish giant tuna.

You can also make your baits sink at a more realistic rate by loading them with styrofoam or by sewing a piece of cork between two smaller baits such as butterfish.

Live bait is often readily available on the grounds. Ling and whiting should be abundant on the bottom if the giants are there, and you can catch them on small pieces of clam, squid or anything else aboard. Bring them up very slowly and they should survive well enough to go on a hook. If they do develop air pockets, pierce their bellies with an ice pick to puncture the air bladder. Live baits usually aren't much better than dead ones, but there are occasions when they turn the trick.

Regardless of how you're fishing, drags should be set at 30 pounds or more so the tuna will be hooked immediatly. Let him make the first on strike drag and then come up slowly. Get after the tuna with your boat and stay as close to him as possible. Fighting a tuna, however, is another story we'll get into the next time.



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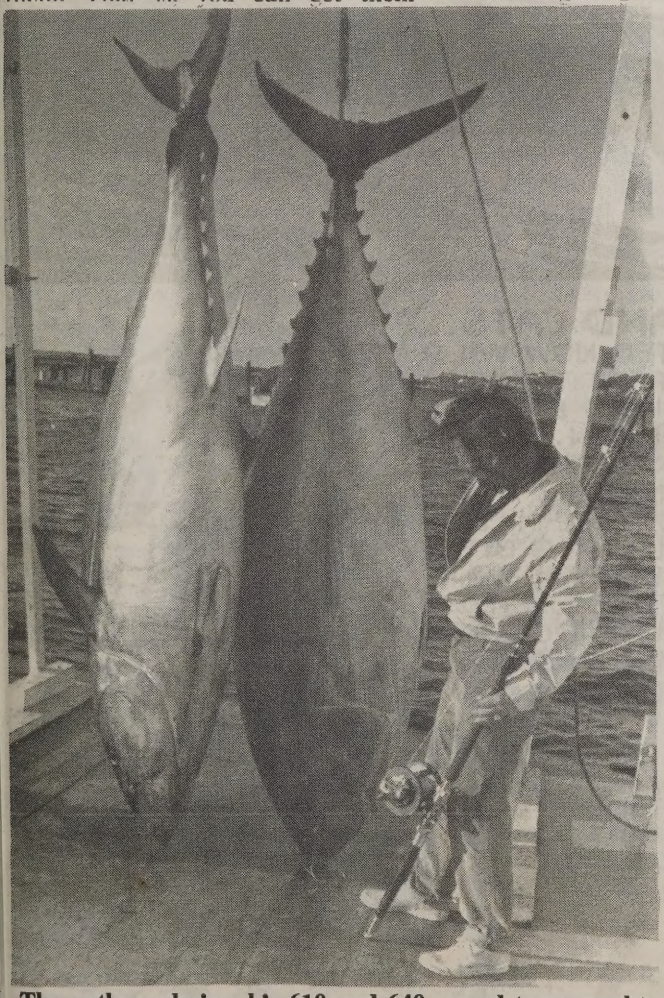
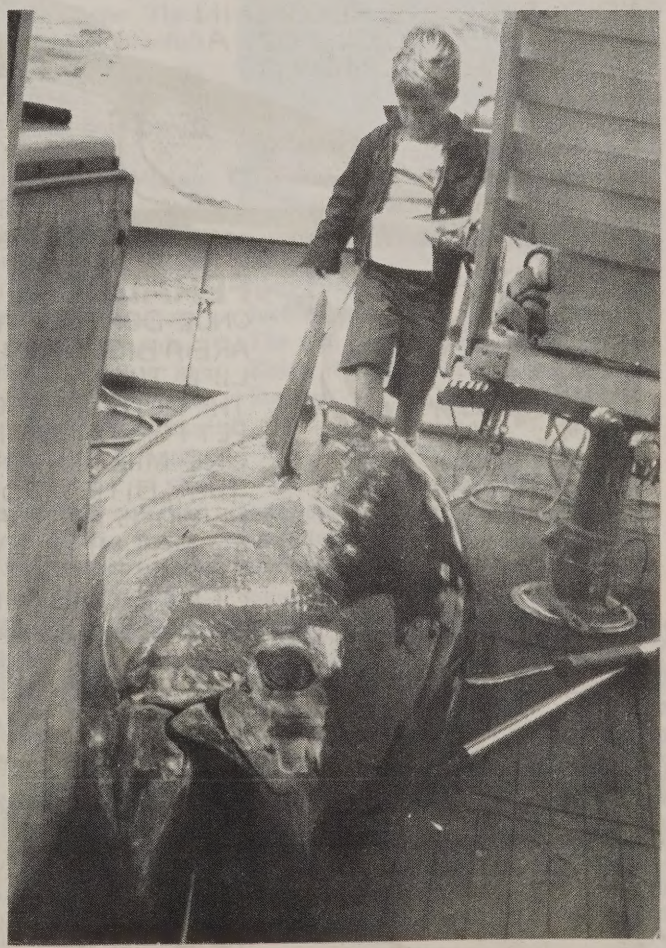


The author admires his 610 and 640 pound tuna caught at Provincetown.



Dennis Merten looks over his father's giant tuna.

NEWS OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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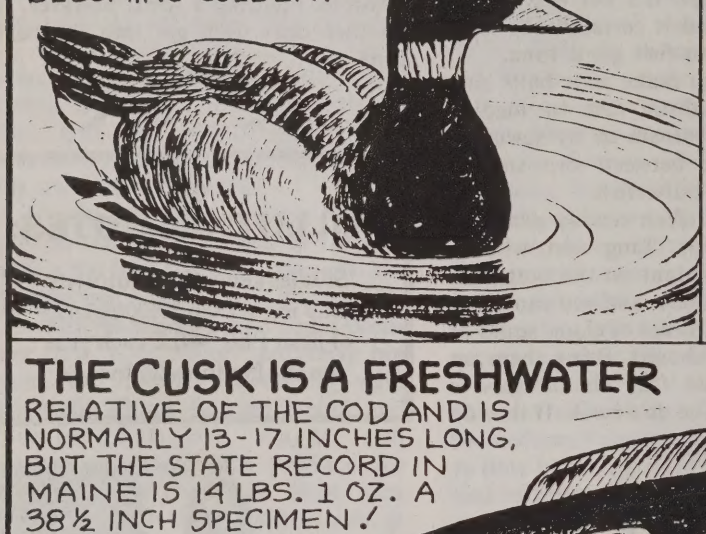

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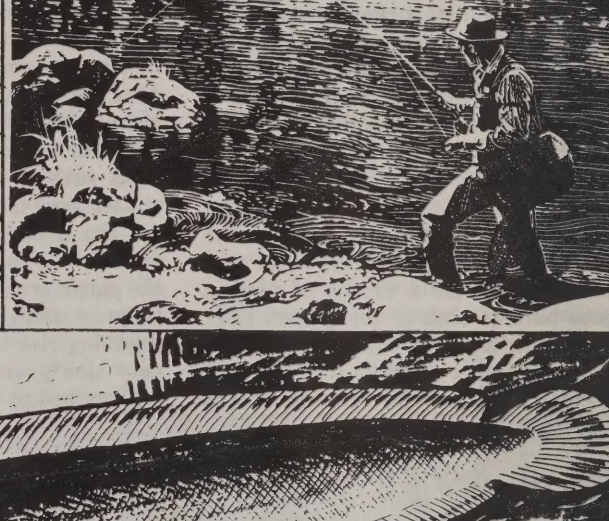

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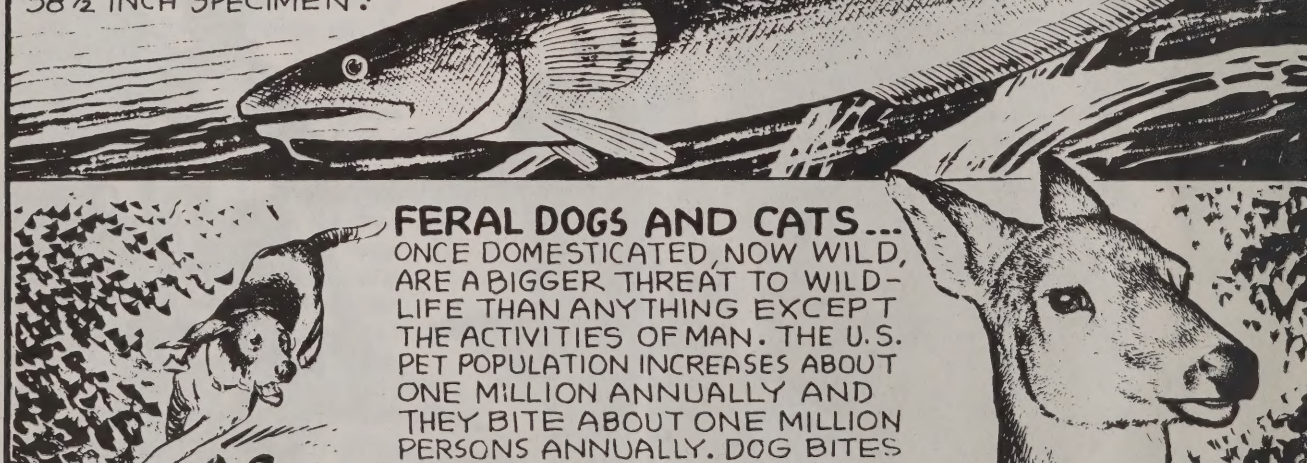

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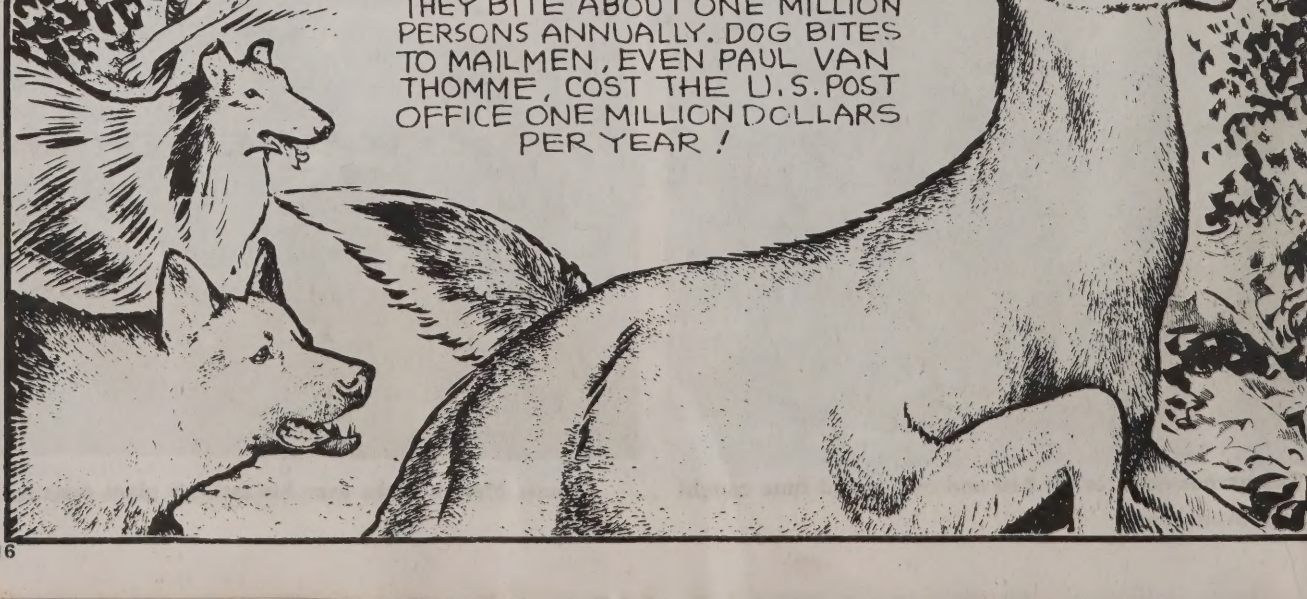

South Shore Report

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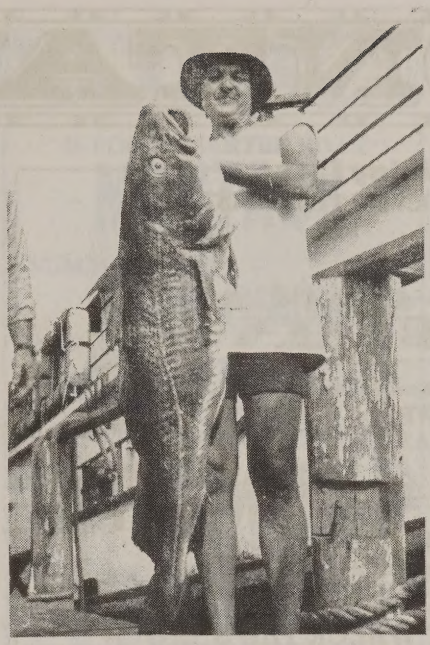
Capt. Charles Nappi of the Sea Witch called in with what was the biggest Mako shark reported to us. It was a 202 lb. Mako caught 30 miles southeast of the Point. Charlie said that he ran into quite a few sharks at Cox's Ledge.

Capt. John Sekora of the Easy Rider is into good bluefish action off of Montauk Point. His own previous record of catching 93 lbs. of fish on umbrella rigs of his own making was broken when he caught four 40 lb. bass on one rig. These bass were caught under the Lighthouse.

Capt. Brad Glas of the Hel-Cat Fleet is fishing the Race weekdays from 12:30 to 6 P.M. Brad reported that the bluefish are running larger now. Fifteen pounders and better are coming over the sides. The fish are located on the fathometer and are then fished for with herring.

Capt. Richard Rade is fishing Block Island during the week and Cox's Ledge on the weekends. His boat, the Marlin III, has been getting plenty of cod all along. An example of some of the fishing he mentioned regarded an eight year old boy, John Betts of New Jersey, who caught two of the heaviest fish on Friday. One cod weighed in at

Libero Gambel holds up his 52 lb. cod that took the pool of $372. aboard the Peconic Queen II on August 4th.



Natalie Urbanski of Goshen, New York displays her 60 pound pool-winning cod caught on August 8 aboard the Peconic Queen II at Montauk.

41 lbs. and the other was 42½ lbs. The fish were as big as the boy.

Capt. Nick Kuzin of the Tiger Shark III has been fishing for bluefish at Cerebus Shoals and the Midway Buoy. Bluefish of 5 to 10 lbs. are being caught. They are catching between 20 to 30 fish a trip.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the Viking Star reports this is one of the best years for summer codfishing at Cox's Ledge. There are many 40 to 50 lb. codfish being taken and the pool fish are big fifty pounders. His other boat, the Viking Starlite, runs Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at nights for bluefish at the Cartwright Grounds. They fish a whale herring on the bottom and work it upwards to catch fish. Paul reported that none of the bluefish were under 12 lbs. and that some went as high as 20 lbs.

Capt. Paul Sundberg of the charter boat Montauk has been catching makos to 130 lbs. every day. He has also caught many blue sharks to 300 lbs. Several duskies as well as some small hammerhead sharks were taken. This action took place 20 miles southeast of Montauk Point. Paul has been averaging between 35 to 40 bluefish for his inshore half-day charters.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station said the porgy fishing is the best he has seen in years. Can #3 off Hicks Island is doing very well but you can practically pick your own spot. The fluke fishing has slowed up. Some bluefish are being caught off of Cartwright Island. Four inch snappers are all over the bay.

Sam Finkelstein of Coram and Linda Jacobs show their catch of porgies. The fish weighed up to 1½ pounds. Photo by Promised Land Fishing Station.

SAG HARBOR

South Ferry and Buoy #6 off Cedar Point are loaded with porgies, reports Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait Shop. Wire line trollers in the same area are picking up bluefish to

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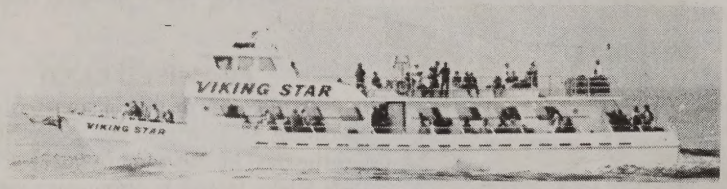

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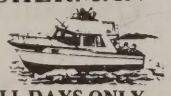
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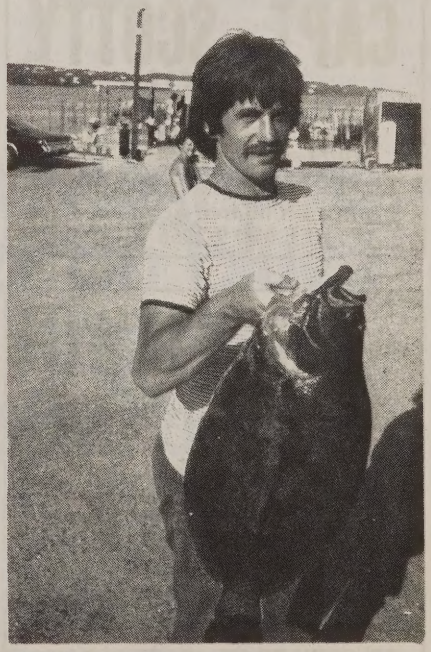
Helen of Noyac Marina called to report the weaks are there to be had. On Wednesday, Ed and Mike Monaghan fished off Long Beach with squid and took weaks, porgies and snappers. On Friday, Julie Messenger and Bill Blitz of Merrick took 32 weaks up to 3 lbs. and 25 porgies on squid just outside the channel.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. of the Capt. Clark I had a fantastic week of fishing. The porgies are holding up but the weakfish are the good news. On Wednesday, the Capt. Clark I had 240 weakfish for 28 fares. Thursday and Friday were just as good. As usual worms and squid are the baits. Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr. on the Capt. Clark II reported the porgies are very good. Capt. Clark is fishing north and south of Robins Island as well as Nassau Point.



Bob Glynn of Manhattan had 16 fluke up to 8¾ pounds. The fish were caught on shiners and squid, out of Bradley's Fishing Station, on August 5.

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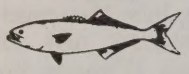

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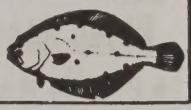

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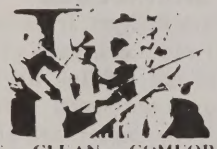

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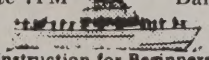

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HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station reported the fluke are being caught at the Shinnecock Inlet on spearing and squid strips. They range in size from throwbacks to 10 lbs. The weakfish are coming in on the Peconic side of the canal and they range from 1 to 3 lbs. Porgies are all over. Some kingfish catches are being made.

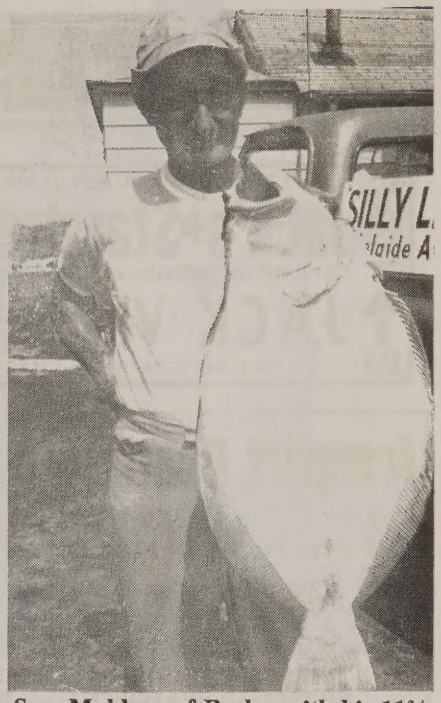
Mrs. DiCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center wants to remind everyone of the 4th L.I. Marlin Fishing Contest and Rodeo. It is being sponsored by the Good Grounds Rod & Gun Club at the Indian Cove Marina in Hampton Bays. "Come one and all and have fun fishing."

MORICHES

B & B Fishing Tackle reports big bass are being taken with live bunker at the new cut at the inlet by live lining. Fluking continues to be good. There are more keepers now. Offshore, the bluefishing is good. This fishing slowed a bit on Sunday. Weaks are on the bottom at Buoys 42 and 43. They are taking squid-shiner combos.

Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reports the leading fluke thus far in the Moriches Bay Fluke Contest was taken on Saturday by Chris Stuven; a 17¾ lb. whopper took a killie-squid combo bait. Bob Passando took a 13 lb. fluke on a single shiner on Saturday. He also had 32 flounder. Fluking continues good, even with the load of short fish still around. A few stripers are being taken at the old cut on Montauk rigs (umbrella rigs) on high outgoing water.

On Saturday, August 11, Chris Stuven of Mastic Beach caught a 17¾ lb. fluke at the new cut on a killie-squid combination. This is the biggest fish in the contest so far.



Sam Muldaur of Roslyn with his 11¾ lb. fluke taken on squid and killie by Buoy 38. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports a 9½ lb. fluke was caught on Sunday by Tony DeStefano of Centereach. There are still a lot of shorts in the

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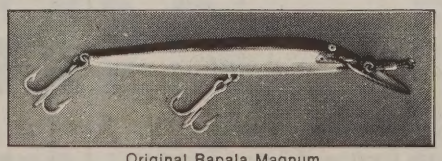

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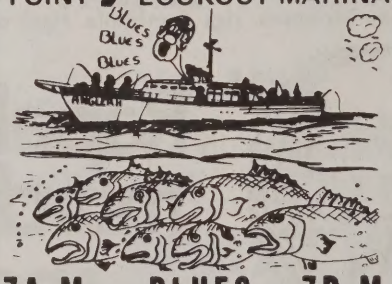

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bay, however, 2 to 15 keepers per boat is the average now. On Saturday, Buoy 42 produced weaks on drifted squid for several boats drifting in the fog (incoming tide). Buoys 38, 39 and C produced good flounder catches (approximately 20 per boat). Bluefish are being taken offshore from the big boats.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports that the fluke fishing is slow but the weakfishing is picking up pretty well. Blue claw crabs are being caught throughout the area.

WEST SAYVILLE

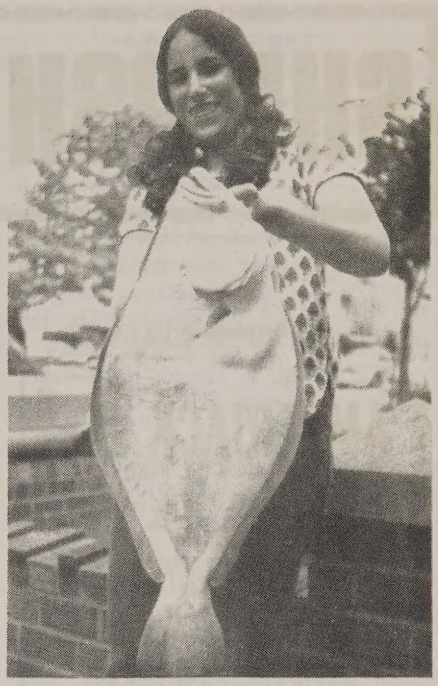
Dennis Masterson of South Bay Fishing Station says the fishing is good east of Buoys 30 and 31. The Browns River Jetty is hot, with weakfish best and some kingfish, blues and fluke. There are plenty of blue claw crabs for everyone, so throw the small ones back and also the mothers with orange eggs on the bottom of their shells. Irving Schwartzman and his two sone came in with 41 weaks, caught on Salty Dog lures. Snappers are all over the place, however, they are still a little small.

CAPTREE

The mate, George, aboard the Capt. Rod told us that they are fluke fishing around the Robert Moses Bridge. The grass has been making fishing a little difficult but the fluke are being caught steadily. The fluke are small but they are mostly keepers. An occasional weakfish or bluefish is being caught.

The Capt. Joseph Fleet has two boats fluke fishing daily, and they have been making good catches. The fluke have not been large but there have been many keepers. The other boat is bluefishing both day and night. Capt. Joseph said that the bluefishing the past week was sporadic and he claims that the waters outside of the Fire Island Inlet are the most producers of blues.

Capt. Cark Bauer of the Capt. Whittaker is fishing the Inlet from its mouth to the Lighthouse. Carl said the fluke fishing was just short of excellent. They are averaging between six to ten legal size fish per man. The pool fish are going 4 to 6 lbs. Carl said that all those fish that were undersized in June and that were thrown back are now being picked up and are over the 14" limit. On Sunday, besides the fluke, they picked up a dozen weakfish



Laurin Haberfeld with an 11 lb. 7 oz. fluke she caught aboard the Anna M III at Captree.

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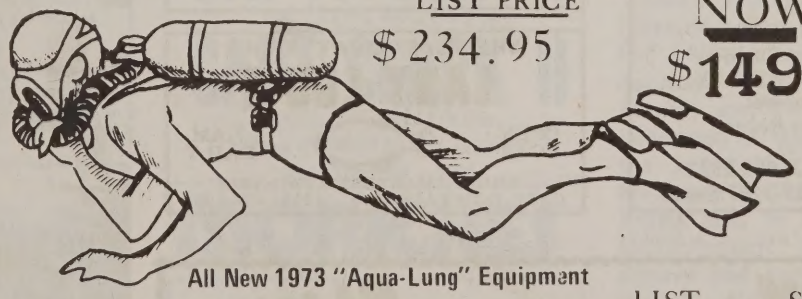

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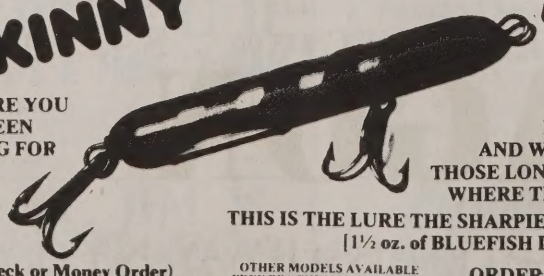
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good all week. It was so good on Sunday that he took an extra trip. An eight year old girl from Brooklyn took the pool with an 8 lb. fluke. George is fishing the Inlet area and the grass is at a minimum.

Capt. George Roman of the Captree Queen said the bluefishing has been "so-so." Sunday was a great improvement over Thursday, Friday and Saturday. George said that his records show a great body of bluefish below, but that they must be making love as they are just getting ready to bite.

BABYLON

The Babylon Sports Center reported that there are plenty of sharks about 155 degrees out of the Inlet in about 115 feet of water. On Sunday, Bill had two dolphins of about 15 lbs. each. He also had three brown sharks and a small mako. On the bay side, anglers are getting small bluefish of about 1 to 1½ lbs. off the Coast Guard Station.

Babylon Fishing Station reported that their boats were picking up plenty of fluke over the weekend ranging from throwbacks to 3 pounders. Weaks are still plentiful on squid and Salty Dogs. Walter also noted the generous supply of good sized crabs that are available.

Peter Mercier of the Babylon Tuna Club and his 377 lb. tiger shark caught aboard Capt. Bob Kaich's boat Dancing Waters in 170 ft. of dancing waters. Biggest BTC shark so far. Photo by Augie's Bait & Tackle.

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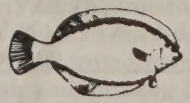

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John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that Nat Slamowitz, aboard his boat Fish Hawk, caught a 700 lb. sunfish in about 165 feet of water south of the Inlet.

The charter boat My Dad is still doing very well on shark fishing. They had a charter that caught three big blue sharks and a 300 lb. mako. These fish were tagged and released.

Vinny DiMartino of the Babylon Tuna Club caught a 38 lb. 12 oz. striped bass on Saturday night drifting a live eel in the State Channel. Weakfish and fluke are also being caught in the State Channel drifting squid or a ½ ounce or so Hopkins. John said to drift the Hopkins and occasionally lift it. Snappers and crabs are all over.

Bob Ruther aboard the Vanguard, along with Tony and James Guadagnino, had a 5 foot mako and a dusky shark on Saturday. On Sunday they had two hammerheads and some small duskies. In answer to Bob's question—yes, you can eat the mako.

AMITYVILLE

Mrs. Combs of the Tackle Shop reported the Bayview Ave. dock as well as other docks are providing excellent snapper fishing. Fluke are also at these docks. Fort Neck Point seems to be the top fluke location. The State Channel is producing striped bass. There are nice big weaks under the docks at both Cedar and Tobay beaches.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reports a fantastic week with fluke. Al Messina had 14 fluke and 12 throwbacks on Saturday, while on Sunday he had 17 keepers and 14 throwbacks. Jimmy Bruen and his wife were fishing east of the 2nd bridge and they had 12 keepers of 2½ lbs. and 10 throwbacks. Jimmy said he got these fish with Dell's "atomic" bait. This consists of shiners and not spearing. He said there is a difference. Try it, you'll like it.

WANTAGH

Causeway Tackle reported the fluke fishing remains the same. The fish range from throwbacks to about 5 lbs. Snappers are plentiful though small. Bass chumming seems to be in the doldrums. Weakfishing in the early morning or the evening is picking up. Worms and squid as well as lures are the things to use.

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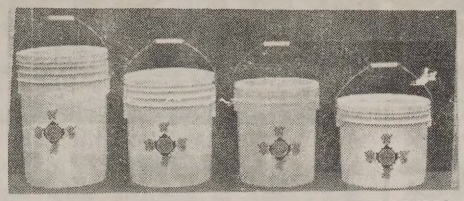

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream reported fair blue action in the earlier part of last week. On Thursday and Friday Richie said the action slowed down substantially. For the weekend Richie was most pleased to report a sharp increase in bluefishing. On Saturday the Star Stream jigged most of its blues off Rockaway and Long Beach. On Sunday it was again jigging but the fish were found in New Jersey waters, mostly off the Highlands and Scotland area, and also off Seabright. Richie also knew of some boats that had success chumming blues in the Seabright area. On its return to Freeport on Sunday the Star Stream came across a school of weakfish breaking water in the area of Lido. Richie stopped and gave his passengers a shot at them. They managed 25 nice weaks.

Dolly Berkowitz of the Capt. Jack Fleet reports that Capt. Bill Meischberger of the Capt. Jack VI has been encountering excellent night bluefishing in the area of Ambrose Lightship. Dolly said the fish are running jumbo in size and that the action has been constant.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al reports bluefishing as picky in the earlier part of the week. On the weekend the fishing did break open somewhat and Capt. Al reports that on Sunday, fishing off the Atlantic Highlands and also off Scotland, they jigged big blues with great success. Al said the fish were running 8 to 10 lbs. and larger. The Capt. Al also managed a nice catch of big weakfish which were caught on jigs off the Highlands as a by-product of bluefishing. Capt. Lindroth reports the Capt. Al has been loading up nightly with big blues in the area of Ambrose Tower.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Angler II said day fishing was slow in the earlier part of last week, while the night fishing continued excellent. On Saturday Capt. White said it was mostly jig fishing and he described it as fair. On Sunday the Angler II did a good job jigging big blues along the Jersey shore and also off the Scotland Buoy and Ambrose Tower. The fish were in the 8 to 10 lb. class.

Capt. George Porter of the Brand X reports excellent night fishing in the area south of Ambrose Tower. George reports fishing two miles south of the tower and landing many fish in the 4 lb. class, although some fish weighed as much as 12 lbs. George said some fishermen had as many as 25 to 30 fish.

Ed's Fishing Station reports that fluke action continues good off Jones Inlet. Some flounders can still be caught at the Coast Guard Station although this action has slowed somewhat. Blues can be jigged along the beach but it is a case of being in the right spot at the right time.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports fluke fishing continues good up and down Reynolds Channel and also along Rockaway, with the most productive area being Riis Park. Snapper fishing and also blue claw crabbing is good in Reynolds Channel. Some small sand porgies can also be taken in the east end of the channel. John said Capt.

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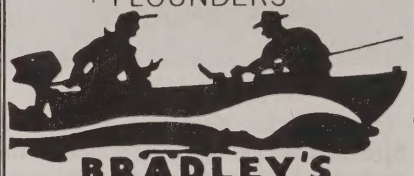

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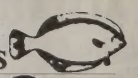

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Clem of the party boat Commodore has been averaging about 6 fluke per man with the best action being in the area off Riis Park and also Ambrose Channel.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing as excellent. Leon said there was good action all along Reynolds Channel and also along Rockaway. One of the hot spots was in front of Henning's Station to the Coast Guard Station. Bass can be chummed at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Some stripers are also being taken on clam bellies at the Silver Point Jetty by surf casters. Leon reports on Saturday night at about 6 P.M., Joe Gallinaro of Atlantic Beach was fishing in Reynolds Channel at Buoy 3 when he hooked into a fish which he landed about five hours later. It turned out to be a stingray which weighed about 150 lbs.

JAMAICA BAY

Tony at the Canarsie Pier Fishing Station reports good porgy and fluke action at the Floyd Bennett ramps. Fluke can also be caught in the channel in front of the station. Snappers can be found almost anywhere, and crabbing continues good.

Bill Noehren of Noehren's Bait & Tackle said small sand porgies are plentiful at both the North and South Channel Bridges. Some fluke can also be caught at the South Channel Bridge. Crabs are plentiful throughout the bay. Bill also knew of some fishermen who were having good success with stripers at the Floyd Bennett ramps at night. The bass fishermen are having their most success with sandworms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the party boat Amberjack IV reports that this past week's blue action was entirely on jigs during the day, however, the excellent night action afforded the chummers more than enough action to make up for the sluggish day fishing. On Saturday night the Amberjack returned with blues up to 17 lbs., with the high hook landing 31 fish.

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa IV said night bluefishing has been excellent this past week. On the weekend the night action continued red hot. On Sunday's day trip, Rocky said he fished the area of Seabright and had equal success both chumming and jigging fish.

George Gnad of the Bay End Dock Rowboat Station said clam chummers are doing quite well with school bass anywhere from the Round House to the jetty. Fluke fishing continues good off Riis Park. Some stripers and weaks are being caught off Norton's Point.

Mike of Mike's Tackle reports red hot blue action off Seabright, New Jersey. Mike said blues have been responding to both chum and jigging. Blues and also striped bass are being taken on umbrella rigs being trolled between the jetty and Norton's Point.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports bass and blue action has been slow for surf men. But surf fishing for smaller fish such as fluke, porgies and kingfish has been excellent in Great Kills Park. Crabbing can be rated as excellent in this same area. Boat fishermen are loading up on fluke in the area of Hoffman and Swinbern Islands. Lenny said Oakwood and Annadale Beach have been yielding 2-4 lb. blues to trollers.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of the Julian Bait Co. reports chummers and jiggers are having a picnic with the blues fishing off Seabright and the Highlands. Joe said plenty of nice sized weakfish are mixed in with the blues. Fluke and snappers are plentiful in the bay.

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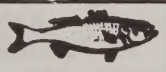

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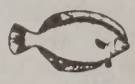
BAIT  BOATS
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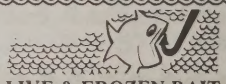

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GREENPORT

Surfcasting from the beach is getting very large porgies in the Sound from Hortons Point to Orient Point. Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop said that striped bass trollers in the same area are coming in with big stripers which are being caught on eels, worms and large surgical tubes. The Plum Gut has bluefish deep and plenty of them. The rip on the east side of Gardiner's Island has blues while further inshore, at Green Hills, there are porgies and blacks with some fluke mixed in. The weakfish are scattered but Art says to try Rose's Grove or the White Hill at Shelter Island. Plenty of young snappers are available for the kids.

Capt. Bill Jensen of the Wilhelric is porgy and blackfishing throughout the bay and blackfishing at the Lighthouse and the east side of Gardiner's Island.

SOUTHOLD

Mary Morris of the Southold Fishing Station said their boats came in with blues from the Plum Gut, along with some small bass. Porgy fishing is good. Some weaks are being taken.

Pete Lieblein of the Port of Egypt said that Buoys 16 and 17 and the Windmill have porgies of 1 to 1¼ lbs. The weakfish are slowing up but the Brickyard is your best bet. Some kingfish are mixed in with the porgies. Buoy #17 has been producing school blues on six ounce Diamond jigs.

These bluefish were caught by Bill Ikin, Bert Silverman and Joey Levy at the Race and Gull Island on August 7.

NEW SUFFOLK

Anglers are killing the porgies, reported Phil of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station. He had one boat which came in with 320 porgies. (I wonder where all those fish wind up?) Weakfishing at Rose's Grove is good. Phil reported that John Brooks of New York City came in with a catch of weaks going to 3½ lbs.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph's Fishing Station reported the porgies are running from 1 to 1½ lbs., with some going to 2 lbs. There are plenty of snappers in the harbor. Buoy #9 is producing blues to 10 lbs. for the fishermen that are chumming and fishing with cut butterfish.

PORT JEFFERSON

Earl Dietrich of Queensland Cove Tackle Shop said that the striped bass are scattered, and the fish that are being taken are falling for live eels. Earl's friend, George Kurovics, was trolling red surgical tubes off Roanoke Beach and came up with several sea bass going to 5 lbs. He also had fifteen bluefish of 8 to 9 lbs. each. Earl also said that the bluefish were off Rocky Point and Miller Place, however, you must hunt for them. There are loads of snappers from 5 to 12" long. One man who was surfcasting off Miller Place came in with an 11 lb. fluke. Earl says that there are many fluke in the 3 to 4 lb. range for anyone going after them seriously.

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W has been chumming and bait fishing Cranes Neck and various spots in Smithtown Bay. On Saturday, in all the rain, they caught 18 bluefish. On Sunday, with a local group from Port Jefferson aboard, they wound up with fifty bluefish. Many more were lost.

Bruce Cash, the mate aboard the Port Jeff Ace, reported that they were fishing northwest of Cranes Neck with chum and butterfish. On Sunday they wound up with 65 blues weighing between 5 to 9 lbs. Bruce reported that one fare baited a hook with a clam while the boat was still at the dock and the angler caught a 7 lb. striped bass. On the angler's second try he got a ten inch fish which he returned to the water.

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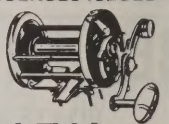

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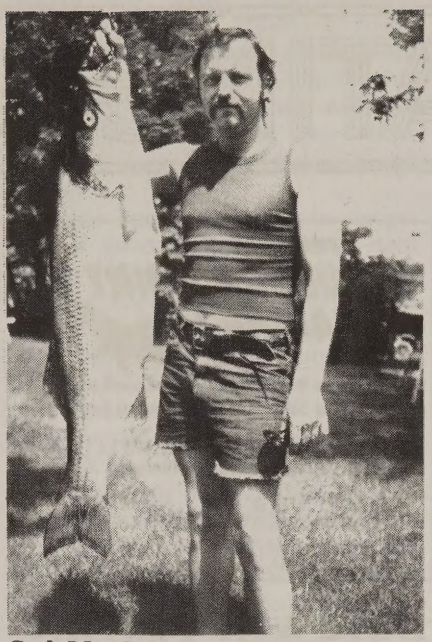

Crab Meadow Beach was the home of this 41 lb. 4 oz. bass before it was caught by Jack Weiner of Commack on August 4. The fish took a squid bait.

The Caraftis Fishing Station reported that all their boats were at Old Field Point where anglers were murdering the porgies. They were all of good size, averaging about 1¼ lbs. Big blues were trolled just south of the Middle Grounds, with some fish going as high as 14 lbs. An umbrella rig with a surgical tube in the middle on a long leader is a sure killer.

SMITHTOWN

John of the Beacon Fishing Station reported the bluefish are down deep off the Sunken Meadow Golf Course. An angler fishing that same area came in with a 7 lb. fluke.

NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman of Bowman's Sporting Goods said that everyone is satisfied with the fishing. The snappers are on top and the porgies are on the bottom. Some 2 to 10 lb. bluefish are being trolled in the bay with artificial eels and bucktails. Out in the Sound, anglers are trolling bluefish to 10 lbs. in the rip off of Eaton's Neck. Mossbunker chumming and jigging with cut mossbunker is also producing good catches of fish. Ted says that if several fishermen get together and chum, they can really load up.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet is fishing the bay area and reports that there is a wide variety of fish being caught. Porgies are the mainstay, however, they are picking up quite a few fluke. There are some blackfish and flounders also.

George Valentine of the Four Winds Tackle Shop says the clam chummers at Eatons Neck did fine during the week, however, the fishing died on the weekend. George said that 75% of the bass taken were caught on the day tides and these fish went to 20 lbs. Bluefish are being trolled at Buoy 11B and deep down on umbrella rigs. Northport Bay and Lloyd Harbor have some nice blues being caught on bunker chunks. Porgies are all over while some nice sized weaks to 6 lbs. were caught at Duck Island on worms.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powles of Vets Fishing Station says the blues are off of Whitewood Point in the deep water. Trolling red surgical tubes does the trick. Porgies are there also. Sandworm trolling at Whitewood Point during the night or when the boat traffic dies down is good. The clam chummers are doing well also. Some weakfish are being taken at Oyster Bay Inlet. One of the weaks taken here went to 10 lbs. Snappers are all over the bay like sardines.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports Shop reports that all the Glen Cove beaches are yielding blues from 5 to 12 lbs. These fish are taking both bait and lures. Trolled surgical tubes are the old standby. Striped bass fishing has slowed because of the bluefish action, however, the pluggers are still bringing them in. These fish are running to 20 or 25 lbs. The big Gibbs plugs are getting big bass while the Rebel is accounting for the smaller fish.

CITY ISLAND

Capt. Don Cerbone of the Apache III reported that there are millions of porgies. Everybody loads up of them. Some weakfish are mixed in with the porgies. Don said they are also catching about five or six fluke when they are close to shore. All the fluke taken are keepers of about 2 to 4 lbs.

Ed Rosenberger reported that trolling wire down deep with surgical tubes in the area of the Stepping Stone Light and the shore gets you blues to 17 lbs. Throggs Neck is another spot. Bob Newhart and Bill Tupperman came in Friday with ten blues to 17 lbs. from this area. On Sunday, Antonio Figuero of New Jersey, along with some friends of his, came in with 37 blues.

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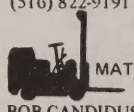

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DICK ALLEY

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MAMARONECK

Fred Archer at the Mamaroneck Fishing Station has noticed a bit of a drop in the fishing, but is still receiving fair reports of bluefishing, and stripers cooperating on and off, to the night trollers. There's been no letup in porgies. Biggest bass of the week went to Bobby Balon, and he caught the fish on a Point Jude popper.

NEW ROCHELLE

Fred at Cameron's Fishing Station reports blues are the feature fish, and trolling is the method. Bass fishing is pretty much restricted to after dark, but anglers are successful. Porgies are everywhere.

RYE

Dan Catalano at Point Tackle had just returned from Bayville waters, and a great day with the bluefish. The choppers ranged from 5 to 15 lbs. and they hit both cut bait and poppers. Bass have slowed compared to what they were when there were plenty of bunkers. Porgies and weakfish are still hitting well. Blues have also showed outside Buoy 42. Weaks and porgies are being taken between Mamaroneck and Rye, and in the harbors. Snappers are also thick. Dan has been doing very well on the Goo-Goo Eyes #20M swimmer, yellow.

STAMFORD

Pat Chirillo at Pat's Marina told of a trio of anglers who'd just come in with three bushels of porgies, some large and some small. They were taken right at the breakwater. Blues are improving every day, with top water action also on the upswing. Buoy 11B produced for Al Morrell, who brought back 15 blues in an after-supper jaunt across.

At Jack's Bait & Tackle, Jack Karwoski told of good bluefishing, and excellent porgy fishing at spots like Shippan. A few bass are still hitting at Collander's, and Cove Pond continues to yield good crabs.

NORWALK

Rick Mola at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle still finds the best action off of Cranes. Some fishermen had been finding top water, morning and evening fishing at Middle Passage, and the same situation exists at 11B. The Norwalk River is thoroughly loaded with snapper blues, with the city docks crowded on every tide. Weakfish are slowing but are still around.

At the Tackle Box, Gloria Borges told of good snapper fishing right across the street. No big fish have come in lately, but there have been some days and nights of good blue and bass fishing in and outside the Norwalk Islands. Gloria has also had word that the State of Maine is experiencing unprecedented bluefishing. Just by coincidence, huge schools of bunker also populate the area.

WESTPORT

The borders of Westport have been the local hotspots. The Norwalk Islands have been producing bass mornings and evenings, and the bluefishing has been centered off of Southport Harbor. Just as an example, my boy Todd and I headed out at daybreak one morning. We first scored on school stripers in the Islands, and then sped over a flat sea to Southport where we found four separate schools of harbor blues spread over hundreds of acres. It was all top water, but soon the boats became too many, and we headed home. Even then we had to stop and cast to more breaking fish outside of Sherwood Island, and these turned out to be 2 to 5 pound weaks. Now that's a good morning's fishing and who could ask for more.

BRIDGEPORT

Ted at Ted's Bait told of John Posh and Larry Merly who, while flyrodding at the Gun Club, found a school of fair sized bass. Larry took fish of 14½ and 10 lbs., while John's biggest fish was a 10 lb. chopper. Ted told of some fair bluefish action off Penfield Reef, and snappers all over, at the Ash Creek Jetty.

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait had good reports of trolling for blues at the Southport dumping grounds. Bob tells us snappers are thick at South Benson and at the Tide Mill in Southport.

NEW HAVEN

Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports reports boating anglers scoring well at City Point, drifting bunkies over the hole. The fish are blues, with the biggest so far going 19½ lbs. The Thames River is also hot for bluefish, all 8 lbs. and up. A pair of anglers used cut mackerel to take 19 fish in two hours.

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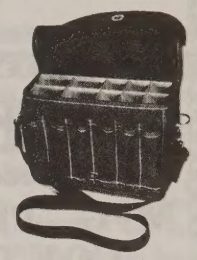

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Porgies are plentiful, and Walt points out that it's harder to get the worms to catch them than it is to find the fish. Weakfish have slowed, but harbor blues have moved in at the West Haven Jetty. Pet spoons and the Silver King and Queen are the top lures here.

MILFORD

Vin Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous reports big blues up inside the Housatonic River, as far up as the Devon Bridge. Some of the fish are running 12 and 14 pounds. Snapper blues are anywhere along the shoreline, says Vinny. Everybody from tots to grandpas is having a ball.

STRATFORD

The Housatonic Marina also reported excellent bluefishing on the Stratford side of the Housy. In addition, porgies are hitting well, and fair flounder catches have been coming in all summer long. Bluefish, ranging from snappers through tailors, harbors and big fellas are the big news in this area.

WATERFORD

At Hillyer's, fluke are still hitting, as well as some blackfishing and good snapper fishing. A very few weaks have shown up. The Race is thick with bluefish, with many anglers here going after them.

Capt. John's Sportfishing Center reports blues everywhere, with the biggest present in the Race. John Wadsworth also tells of some good offshore trips bringing in school tuna, and white marlin being seen.

Fishing dropped from fantastic to great, probably due to the slacking tides. A few fluke are being taken in Block Island Sound and along the Connecticut shoreline, weaks are hitting well. Around Race Rock, small pollack and bluefish are mixing with school bass and blues. John's looking forward to tremendous fishing in October and November this year.

MERIDEN

From Float n' Sinker Tackle Shop comes the word that inland fishermen are traveling to the Race for fabulous fishing. Fishermen traveling to the Clinton area are doing well on snappers and porgies. Six Mile Reef out of Clinton is producing well on blues for cut bait fishermen.

NEW LONDON

The report from Marsters Dock also centers on bluefishing in the Race. The Dixie Belle took a 2-day trip offshore and came in with a slew of school tuna, averaging 18-20 lbs. Sonny Terranova came in with a big blue shark.

OLD SAYBROOK

Bluefish are still the most common catch in this area if we can call 8 to 10 lb. blues common, says Russ Fleet of the Connecticut River Striper Club. Surf anglers are getting in on the fun during the evening hours. The red and yellow Atom swimmers have been scoring well. Wetmore's Marina reports good bluefish catches at Southwest Reef, with red and white Diamond jigs, bunkers and eels all producing. Rimas Taruski continues to be top point man in the club, hitting fish from shore and boat, and also combining both bass and blues. Rhode Island is slow, according to Russ, although schools of weaks were spotted but were too far to reach from shore. Quonnie Breachway did yield a couple of teen-size stripers.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Bill at Henjo's Dock said the weekend was good for crabs, fluke, snappers, a few weakfish and even some porgies. He suggests killies as the best bait, with squid and spearing next. Most of the action has been at Spermacetti Cove and the Ammo Channel. Buoys 3 and 4 right off the dock are also good. Snappers are plentiful and fluke are getting up to 3 and 4 lbs. with an occasional six pounder mixed in. Crabbing is picking up.

Bluefish have been off Sandy Hook in good numbers, reports Julian's Sport Shop. Surfacing schools are good targets for poppers and surface lures, while trollers are scoring with tubes and metal. Striper activity has been spotty with nighttime rigged eel fishermen doing fairly well along the surf. Fluke are hitting squid in Sandy Park for beach fishermen. Boaters should try the Ammo Pier. Weakfish are at Flynn's Knoll mixed in with blues. Offshore albacore and tuna are being picked up trolling cedar plugs and in the chum slicks.

SEABRIGHT

From Seabright to Monmouth Beach we had blues galore, reported Giglio's Bait & Tackle. Popping plugs and Millie bucktails are producing well. Bucktails worked close to the bottom are bringing up good catches of weakfish. Stripers are hitting sandworms and fluke are still plentiful.

LONG BRANCH

Frank's Bait & Tackle reported good striper fishing early in the morning using clams and sandworms. Manny Kruppa took five bass up to 29 lbs. Frank Norbert had a 16 pounder. Al Razonese stung a 14½ lb. striper and Frank himself took time off to nail a 17½ lb. bass. Fluke action has also been good. Billy and Joe LaPresti caught 17 fluke on killies. Eleven year old Frank Penta caught a nice 4 lb. fluke. Some weakfish are being caught up to 5 lbs. on squid.

HUDSON RIVER

PETE BARRETT

HUDSON RIVER

George Sadolowski had the largest smallmouth bass from Roundout Creek last week on a rubber worm. His bass weighed just over 5 lbs., reported Roy's Bait & Tackle.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Bow hunters are having a field day with carp at Wappingers Lake. The B & M Bait Shop reports that Steve Centom and Al Kenny caught carp from 12 to 19 lbs. Largemouth bass action has been good. Andy Olivieri used a Crazy Crawler to catch a 3½ pounder.

LOWER HUDSON

The crabbing couldn't be better, says Ace & Charlie's of Verplanck. All along the river crabs, eels and white perch are plentiful. Ed Graser at the Outdoorsman Ltd. reported the first of the snapper blues along West New York and Edgewater. Harbor blues are in the area of Robbins Reef, Statue of Liberty and south to the Verrazano Bridge. Striped bass are hitting calico and fiddler crabs at the Spuyten Duyvil. Popper plugs work at dawn.

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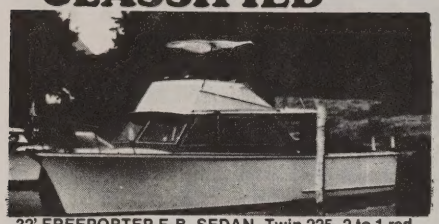

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TIDE TABLES

SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	9:56	10:11
Fri.	10:37	10:51
Sat.	11:20	11:38
Sun.		12:07
Mon.	12:27	12:58
Tues.	1:24	1:58
Wed.	2:29	3:05
Thurs.	3:43	4:17

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	11:30	11:46
Fri.		12:11
Sat.	12:27	12:53
Sun.	1:12	1:42
Mon.	2:07	2:33
Tues.	3:07	3:38
Wed.	4:16	4:44
Thurs.	5:25	5:51

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:45	**12:55**	7:10	**1:20**
Fri.	7:35	**1:50**	8:00	**2:15**
Sat.	8:30	**2:40**	8:50	**3:05**
Sun.	9:20	**3:35**	9:45	**4:00**
Mon.	10:15	**4:30**	10:40	**5:00**
Tues.	11:15	**5:30**	11:40	**6:00**
Wed.		**6:25**	12:15	**6:55**
Thurs.	12:35	**7:20**	1:10	**7:50**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.		1:15
Fri.	1:30	1:54
Sat.	2:13	2:35
Sun.	2:57	3:22
Mon.	3:48	4:15
Tues.	4:43	5:13
Wed.	5:48	6:20
Thurs.	7:04	7:39

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:08	1:30
Fri.	1:49	2:09
Sat.	2:30	2:52
Sun.	3:15	3:37
Mon.	4:09	4:32
Tues.	5:08	5:33
Wed.	6:13	6:39
Thurs.	7:22	7:46

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
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